

Aptucxet Trading Post established along the bank of the Manomet River by the Pilgrims to facilitate trade between the Pilgrims, Dutch and Native Americans 1627:



1602: Cape Cod discovered by Bartholomew Gosnold

Arrival of Pilgrims 1620:

1776: General Washington ordered Thomas Machin to survey the route which would "Give greater security to navigation and against the enemy"



1883: Cape Cod Canal Ship Company, authorized, William Seward, Samuel Fessenden and others interested. Funds advanced by Quincy A. Shaw. Company made contract with F.A. Lockwood. Excavated over one million yards and failed.



CAPE COD CANAL

1904: Mr. August Belmont and others became interested



1880-1890: Cape Cod claimed on average a wreck every two weeks. As more cargo, ships and lives were lost, pressure to build a canal mounted.



1914: July 29, Canal officially opened by Mr. Belmont to navigation of vessels up to 15 foot draft.

Canal designated as National Historic Civil Engineering Landmark

1985:

1935: Two Highway bridges completed in August. Railroad bridge completed in December



1918: Canal taken over as war measure by U.S. Railroad Administration.

1928: March 31, Government took over Canal



2000: Canal visited by Tall Ships from around the world.

